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MIKE'S MAILBAG

HI FOLKS!

Well, Christmas is coming! And all the folks at MIKE Head Quarters have just given me the LISTS of presents they'd like. Let's have a look . . .

Doctor Charlie Snark
— Encyclopaedia de Jellyville 210 vols
— Weight lifting outfit
— Colour photo of Beethoven

Mr. Blirriant
— Lock 'n' Loll Lecords
— 1 doz 1,000 year old eggs
— Miss Blirriant

Alfie, Mike's Dad
— Larger, softer armchair
— Year's subscription to Jellyville Gazette
— Tuba

Ravenous Rodney Wolfe
— Cookery outfit
— Large Jagged knife
— Food hamper

(Hey, MIKE! What do YOU want?)

Me? Cor! I thought you'd NEVER ask! Er . . .
— 1,000 hints on EXTRA POCKET MONEY
— 1 year's supply of HAMBURGERS 'N' FRIES
— A Christmas Card from ALL MY READERS!

HAPPY CHRISTMAS FOLKS!!!

Signed
MIKE

P.S. What Christmas presents do you think would be most appropriate for the MIKE team? Write and tell me.

P.P.S. Keep those letters coming.
Although we can't print them all, I assure you I see every one. Here's a tip: you've got more chance of having your letter printed if it contains something topical or out-of-the-ordinary. This one caught my eye:

Dear Mike,
If you need any help at your Editorial Desk I would be glad to help as I would like to be an editor when I grow up. Thanks for the card you sent on my birthday. But what about you? When is your birthday. And Doc Charlie's? How did you become a fa(mouse) Hamster (get it!). No? Never mind.
Yours questioningly,
Daniel Calverley, 60 Helmshore Rd., Haslingden, Rossendale, Lancs.

MIKE'S FAVOURITES:

Favourite Food ..... **Burgers 'n' fries**
Favourite Drink ..... **Chocolate milkshake, with extra chocolate.**
Favourite Subject ..... **The History of Pocket Money**
Favourite Groups ..... **Wham! and the Thompson Twins**
Favourite Holiday Spot ..... **Hamsterdam**
Hobbies ..... **Making extra pocket money**

IMPORTANT MESSAGE from Claire and Kathryn's Animal Club

Claire and Kathryn have written to me about the overwhelming success of their Animal Club since I printed their letter in the May issue of Mike. The Animal Club has enough members now and is keeping Claire and Kathryn very busy.

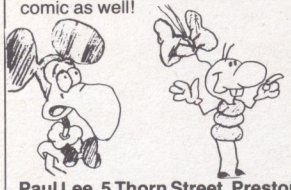
Unfortunately, they haven't been able to answer all the letters they have received. So they have asked me to say a big 'THANK YOU' to every one that has written to them and if anyone who hasn't received a reply would like to send them a stamped addressed envelope, they will be happy to answer!

Dear Mike,
My son Rick has just opened a "Jeans Account" and I can see I'm going to enjoy your comic as much as he does!
How about a page for "Parent fans of MIKE"? I love Mr. Blirriant.
Here's a brain-teaser:
Name three sports which are practised backwards (there are four but no-one can think of more than two, as a rule).
Big hug for you, MIKE.
(Mrs.) Ingrid Gerard, 3 Tannery Court, Bertie Road, Kenilworth, Warwickshire CV8 1QY.

(answer at foot of page)

Dear Mike,
I'd like to start a SPORTS CLUB. If you'd like to join just write and tell me about your favourite sports stars, person or team and we could exchange information. Please send SAE.
Yours,
Trevor McTait, 22 Nodes Drive, Stevenage, Herts.

Dear Mike,
I like your comic especially the drawing page because I like drawing things, just like you.
P.S. My grandad always reads the comic as well!



Paul Lee, 5 Thorn Street, Preston, Lancs PR1 5EH
P.P.S. If all the cars in England were pink, what would you have? A carnation!

Dear Ravenous Rodney,
Here is a delicious recipe. It's called

MILK JELLY

Ingredients:
One packet of flavoured jelly (except lemon)
¼ pint of boiled water
¾ pint of milk

Break the jelly up in a bowl and add the boiled hot water and mix. When the jelly is dissolved leave to cool. When it's cool add the milk and mix, then in the fridge until firm. Tastes nice with tinned fruit!
Rupal Jashi, 51 Cardington Square, Hounslow Heath, Middlesex TW4 6AJ

Dear Jeans Scheme,
I would like to start a MOTOR RACING club, concentrating mainly on Formula 1, Formula 3000 and Group C events and drivers. For entry to the club, the only cost is the ink and paper and braincells you use up answering these questions:
1. Name the 1982, 1983 and 1984 World Formula one champions.
2. Name the winner of the 1985 Monaco Grand Prix.
3. Who was the last British Formula one champion and when did he win?
4. Which two British tracks share the British Grand Prix, alternating years with each other?
Send your answers, name and SAE to:
Motor Racing Club, Martin Smith, 17 Northcote Lane, Honiton, Devon EX14 8NE

Dear Members of the Jeans Scheme
I have started a sticker club. Any money I raise will go to hospitals and the Africa Appeal. I have all kinds of stickers for sale. Send SAE to:
Paul Diamond's Sticker Club, 54 Central Parade, Grimsby, South Humberside DN34 4HX

Dear Mike,
I think your comics are very exciting — I read them over and over again. Mr. Blirriant who stars as MIKE's friend is my favourite. I have stories about Mr. Blirriant which I have made up myself into a special comic called "Mr. Blirriant". It's great fun.
Sharon Baker, 57 Broomhead Rd., Wombwell, Barnsley, S. Yorks S73 0SA.

Dear Mike,
I opened a Jeans Scheme account in February and was looking back on the March mag when I found you had asked for criticism. So, here it is:
I think there ought to be more moneysaving ideas in MIKE (cheap places to go, ideas on earning money, etc.) and as it is a bank magazine, more things to do with the bank instead of cartoon stories. Mind you, I do like the drawing pages and cartoon writer pages.
Yours,
Laura Zobel, 16 Cobthorne Dr. Allestree, Derby.

Look out for the copy of ROUTES which accompanies my mag in January – MIKE.

Dear Mike,
I would like to start a DOLL'S COLLECTOR's CLUB — I have many which are old or foreign. Please write to me (with SAE).
Julie Howell, (14) 48 Queens Road, Smethwick, Warley, West Midlands B67 7HE

Mrs. Gerard's brain-teaser: rowing, backstroke (swimming), abseiling and tug-of-war!

REMEMBER!

If you are thinking about starting a Club, please get your parent's permission, and include important details for people who would like to join. Please send a stamped, self-addressed envelope for a reply in your letter to me.

MORE LETTERS ON PAGE 10

MIKE
in:
A TALE OF
"HIGH GLASS"
LISTEN TO THIS, MIKE! "BRIGHT LAD WANTED BY SPICK, SPAN + CO., WINDOW CLEANERS! GOOD RATES FOR CLEAN WORK!" I'D DO IT MYSELF, IF I WAS YOU. WHICH OF COURSE I'M NOT!! MUST BE SOME POCKET MONEY IN IT, EH?!
JELLYVILLE GAZETTE
© BMC 1985
A COUPLE OF DAYS LATER....
MIKE'S GOT THE JOB!!!
WHISTLING MERRILY, HE HEADS FOR HIS FIRST DIRTY WINDOW - AT MAISON SPARKLERS JEWELLERS TO THE POSH...
SUPERMARKET
SHOWING TODAY! DR. CHARLES SNARK PORTRAIT OF A GENIUS
EXIT
-READ- MIKE
PARDON ME MADAM! I WONDER IF YOU COULD HELP ME OUT...
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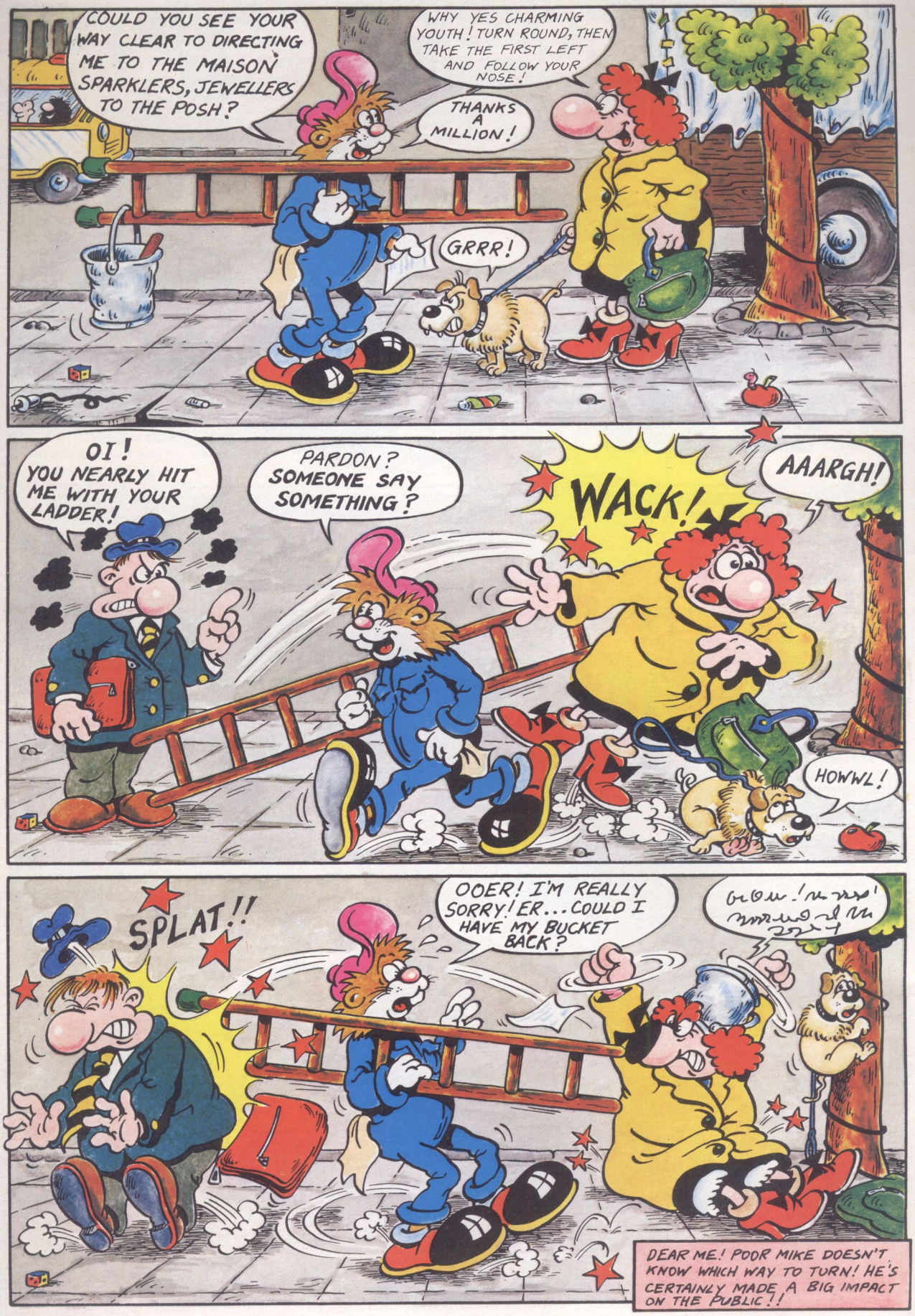
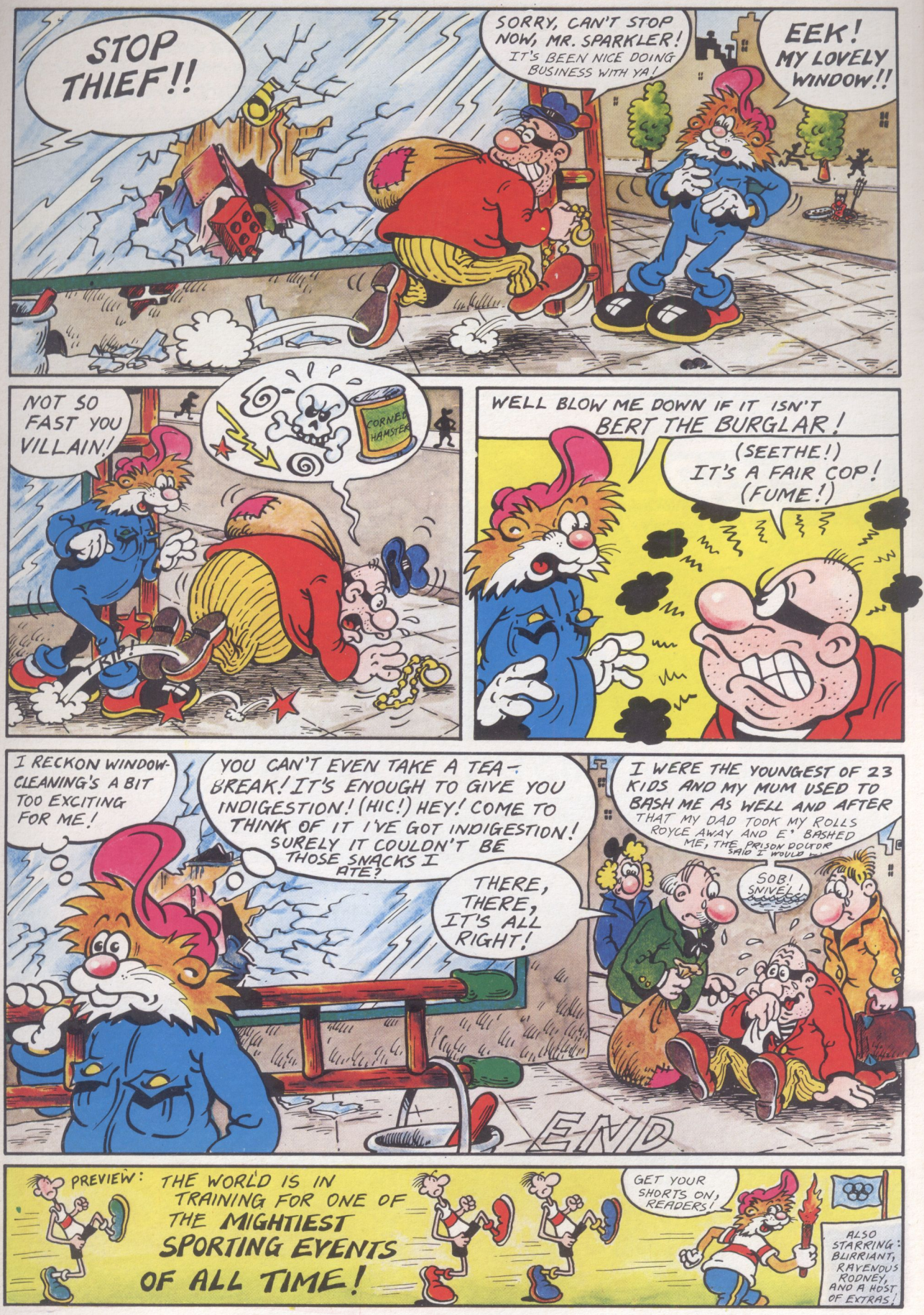

COULD YOU SEE YOUR WAY CLEAR TO DIRECTING ME TO THE MAISON SPARKLERS, JEWELLERS TO THE POSH?
WHY YES CHARMING YOUTH! TURN ROUND, THEN TAKE THE FIRST LEFT AND FOLLOW YOUR NOSE!
THANKS A MILLION!
GRRR!
OI! YOU NEARLY HIT ME WITH YOUR LADDER!
PARDON? SOMEONE SAY SOMETHING?
WACK!
AAARGH!
HOWWL!
SPLAT!!
OOER! I'M REALLY SORRY! ER... COULD I HAVE MY BUCKET BACK?
DEAR ME! POOR MIKE DOESN'T KNOW WHICH WAY TO TURN! HE'S CERTAINLY MADE A BIG IMPACT ON THE PUBLIC!!

TWENTY MINUTES LATER, MIKE'S HARD AT WORK. THE BOSS LOOKS ON!
MAISON SPARKLERS
Cola Cola
MAISON SPARKLERS
I WANT THOSE WINDOWS TO GLITTER, LAD! NO GREASE SPOTS!
THE ONLY GREASE I USE IS ELBOW GREASE, SIR!
LATER...
GEMS
SPICK SPAN + CO.
GREAT! THOSE WINDOWS ARE SPARKLING LIKE MR. SPARKLER'S DIAMONDS! HARD WORK MAKES ME PECKISH.....
TIME FOR A QUICK SNACK. OFF TO JELLYVILLE BURGERAMA....
GREAT! I WAS FAINT WITH HUNGER....
MAMA MIA! WOTTA SNACKA!
KET CHUP
ALBERTO BURGERAMA, TALENTED CHEF, DISHES UP ONE OF HIS TWO POUNDERS...

BUT WHILE MIKE TUCKS IN, DISASTER STALKS THE STREETS- IN THE FORM OF SID SPRAYCAN, GRAFFITI GUERILLA!
ISON ERS
FSST!
PAINTING THE TOWN, GRANNY! HEH, HEH!
OI! YOU! PESKY PEST! WHAT D'YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
I SAW THE WHOLE THING! IT WAS SID SPRAYCAN, THE AEROSOL ARTIST! I SAID TO HIM, "YOU OUGHT TO BE ASHAMED, SID!"
ONE TWO-POUNDER LATER, THE CRAFTSMAN RETURNS....
WHO.... WHY... WHAT..?!!
EEEK! MY LOVELY CLEAN WINDOW!!
I'LL HAVE TO DO IT ALL OVER AGAIN! (GROAN) WHAT A WASTE OF TIME!
SPAKKLERS
AT LAST...
CLEAN AS A WHISTLE! COR! I NEED ANOTHER SNACK!
LOVELY JOB, SIR, IF I MAY MAKE SO BOLD!
ER, TA! NICE OF YOU TO SAY SO!!

CARAMBA! TWO-POUNDER, SO SOON!!?
DRINK Cola Cola
MENU
HAMBURGER
YAMBURGER
SHAMBURGER
WHAMBURGER
CHIPS
YES, PLEASE! WITH DOUBLE CHIPS, EXTRA CHEESE TOMATOES PICKLE MAYONNAISE AND RELISH, AND TWO CHOCOLATE SHAKES!!
HEY, MAN! YOU'LL BURST!
LIKE, ER, WHAT DO YOU DO, MAN?
ME? I'M A WINDOW CLEANER!
WOW, MAN! I'M INTO WINDOWS, TOO! THEY CALL ME SPRAYCAN SID!
SPRAYCAN SID! I'LL SPIFFLICATE YOU, YOU PESKY POLLUTER!
HEY, MAN! LIKE PEACE! I HATE VIOLENCE!
MEANWHILE.... BERT THE BURGLAR, NICKER, LOOTER, AND SMASH-AND-GRABBATIST DESIRES SOME JEWELLERY!
MAISON SPARKLERS
SPARKLER THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL DIAMONDS £10,000 PER KILO.
KRASH!
A-WOP-BOP-A-LULA-A-BOP BAM-BOOM
BE-BOP-A LULA


STOP THIEF!!
SORRY, CAN'T STOP NOW, MR. SPARKLER! IT'S BEEN NICE DOING BUSINESS WITH YA!
EEK! MY LOVELY WINDOW!!
NOT SO FAST YOU VILLAIN!
CORNED HAMSTER
WELL BLOW ME DOWN IF IT ISN'T BERT THE BURGLAR!
(SEETHE!) IT'S A FAIR COP! (FUME!)
I RECKON WINDOW-CLEANING'S A BIT TOO EXCITING FOR ME!
YOU CAN'T EVEN TAKE A TEA-BREAK! IT'S ENOUGH TO GIVE YOU INDIGESTION! (HIC!) HEY! COME TO THINK OF IT I'VE GOT INDIGESTION! SURELY IT COULDN'T BE THOSE SNACKS I ATE?
THERE, THERE, IT'S ALL RIGHT!
I WERE THE YOUNGEST OF 23 KIDS AND MY MUM USED TO BASH ME AS WELL AND AFTER THAT MY DAD TOOK MY ROLLS ROYCE AWAY AND E' BASHED ME; THE PRISON DOCTOR SAID I WOULD
SOB! SNIVEL!
END
PREVIEW:
THE WORLD IS IN TRAINING FOR ONE OF THE MIGHTIEST SPORTING EVENTS OF ALL TIME!
GET YOUR SHORTS ON, READERS!
ALSO STARRING: BURRIANT, RAVENOUS RODNEY, AND A HOST OF EXTRAS!

HO, HO, HO!

HA, HA, HA!

DOCTOR CHARLIE SNARK WRITES

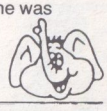
WORST PRIZE

Q: Why do bears wear fur coats?
A: They would look silly with plastic macs on.

Sarah Palfrey, 102 Wolsely Road, North Prospect, Plymouth PL2 3BP.

Knock-Knock!
Who's there?
Howard
Howard who?
Howard you like to stand out here in the cold while some idiot keeps saying "Who's there?"

Q: What happened to Ray when he was stepped on by an elephant?
A: He became an X-Ray.



Nick Vernalls, 1 Besant Way, London NW10.

Q: What do you call a Scottish cloakroom attendant?
A: Angus McCoatup.

Heather Ward, 32 Mount Pleasant, Adlington, Chorley, Lancs. PR6 9RR.

Q: Why can I jump higher than an apple tree?
A: Because apple trees can't jump.

Jane Biddle, 100 Church Street, Dukinfield, Chesire SK 16 4NE.

Knock-Knock!
Who's there?
Ivor
Ivor who?
Ivor you let me in the door or I'll climb in the window.

WORST PRIZE

Carl Waters, 81 Scampton Garth, Branshomle, Hull, N. Humberside.

Q: Waiter, waiter do you serve crabs?
A: Sit down sir, we serve anybody.

Q: What sort of cheese is made backwards?
A: Edam!

WORST PRIZE

Rachael Bufton, 112 Monks Road, Lincoln, Lincs. LW5 5PQ.

Q: What do you call a bird which robs stage coaches?
A: Dick Chirpin!

John Chester, 9 Shawhill Road, Washwood Heath, Birmingham B8 3LJ.

1st Mum: What's your son going to be when he passes all his exams?
2nd Mum: A pensioner.

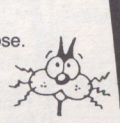
Woodwork Master: (Holding up a piece of sand paper). What is this I am holding?
Pupil: A map of the Sahara desert.

Simon Cumpstey (10), 9 Selby Road, Kirkham PR4 2JT.

Q: What do you do with a blue banana?
A: Try to cheer it up.

Sarah Palfrey, 102 Wolsely Road, North Prospect.

Sweet Little Emily Rose,
Was tired and sought some repose.
But her sister named Clare
Put a tack on her chair,
And sweet little Emily Rose!



Eira Genkins (14), 17 New Cwn Terr, Cwm, Abbur Vale, Gwent, S. Wales.

Greetings, loyal readers! Welcome to another CACKLE-PACKED edition of the most SERIOUS jokes page in the world! We have laboured long and hard to select the most hilarious jokes from your letters! At least I have. MIKE as usual has not been doing any work at all, except trying to explain jokes to me. He says this is very difficult. Certainly he is usually giggling so much that he finds it hard to speak. Which reminds me, I heard a MOST HILARICUS joke the day before yesterday.

Q. Why did the cow slip?
A. Because it saw the bull rush!

Is that not DELIGHTFULLY HUMOUROUS?
Not really! Mike

Well, well, I can't spend all day giggling and tittering. Remember: there are WONDROUS PRIZES for the WORST jokes!

Your talented Joke Editor

Dr. Charlie Snark.

Dear Dr. C. Snark,
I would like to apply for the job as your assistant to help you choose jokes, as I really am quite serious! Here is a joke:
Q: If it takes a frog 2 hops to land dead in the centre of a pond, how many jumps is it back to the shore?
A: None. He's dead.

Yours titteringly,
Leslie Briggs, 19 Old Exeter Road, Tavistock, Devon PL19 0JE.

I fear that this joke is TOO FUNNY, LESLIE! Try again!

WRITE TO TSB's MIKE, SCHOOL GARDENS, SHREWSBURY SY1 2AJ.

Q: Which is the most dangerous shop on earth?
A: Sharks and Spencers.

Jim McKenzie (6), 45 Pembroke Road, Wembley, Middlesex.

Pipeo, the world's thinnest man, used to work as a part time drain cleaner, but he swallowed a cannonball and doctors told him that he wasn't expected to pull through.

Graham Salters, 99 Woolfall Crescent, Huyton, Liverpool L36 2NF.

Good News: Mr. Smith today fulfilled his lifelong ambition to jump out of an aeroplane.
Bad News: He forgot the parachute.
Good News: There was a haystack below him.
Bad News: There was a pitchfork in the haystack.
Good News: He missed the pitchfork.
Bad News: He also missed the haystack!

Graham Salters, 99 Woolfall Crescent, Huyton Liverpool L36 2NF.

Q: What are the largest ants in the world?
A: Eleph-ants

Jennifer Winstanley, 59 Cromwell Crescent, Lambley, Notts.

Driver: Are my indicators working?
Passenger: Yes, no, yes, no, yes, no, yes.

Monica Dickman, 9 Codharbour Close, Thorpe, Egham, Surrey TW20 8TH.

Q: What's the definition of an archaeologist?
A: A man whose career is in ruins!

Joanna Briscoe (13), 12 Stanton Close, Haydock, Merseyside WA11 0SU.

Q: Why do bees hum?
A: Because they don't know the words!

Benjamin Whittall (8), 13 Knoll Street, Market Harborough, Leics.

Q: What do witches have for breakfast?
A: Snap crackle and pop!

Simon Walker (9), 58 West Elloe Avenue, Spalding, Lincshire PE11 2BH.

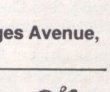
Q: How do you top a car?
A: Tep on the break Tupid!

Heather Mann, 87 High Street, Newmarket Suffolk.

Q: What is Dracula's favourite TV Programme?
A: Horrornation Street!

Kelly Double (5), 83 King Georges Avenue, Dovercat CO12 4AB.

Q: Where do Policemen live?
A: 999 Letsbe Avenue!



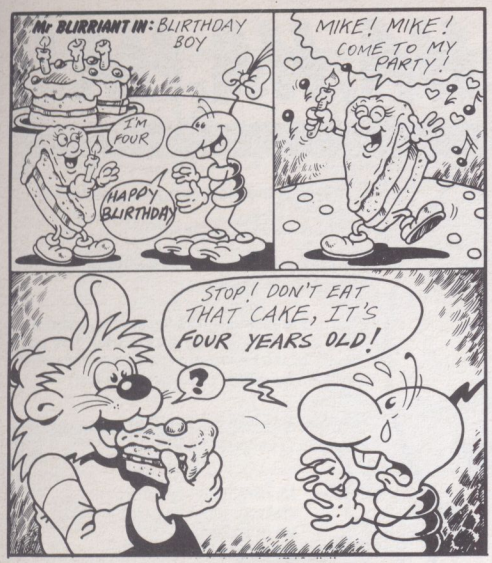
Rangit
53 Sir John's Road, Selly Park, Birmingham B29 7EP.

Q: How can you tell which end of a worm is his head?
A: Tickle him in the middle and watch where he smiles.

Kaman Yau (13), 15 Bedehouse Bank, Bourne, Lincs. PE10 9JX.

Q: What did the porcupine have for his lunch?
A: Prickled onions.

Paula Dixon (13), 12 Beaumont Place, Peterlee, Co. Durham SR8 5QY.


Mr BLURRIANT IN: BLIRTHDAY BOY
I'M FOUR
HAPPY BLIRTHDAY
MIKE! MIKE! COME TO MY PARTY!
STOP! DON'T EAT THAT CAKE, IT'S FOUR YEARS OLD!
?

Cartoon Strip Winners from the July Issue

1st Prize.

Margaret Woodley (11)
8 Middle Street, Walker,
Newcastle Upon Tyne NE6 4DF

2nd Prize.

Katy Stennet (9)
"Kyverdale" 13 Ashmans Road, Beccles,
Suffolk NR34 9NS

3rd Prize.

Rebecca Baker (9½)
27 Hunstile Cottage, Goathurt,
Nr. Bridgwater

Q: What do you give a sick bird?
A: Tweetment.

Q: What do you give a sick pig?
A: Oinkment.

Q: What do you give a sick lemon?
A: Lemonade.

Simon Broadhead, 3 Park Grove, Barnsley, S. Yorkshire S70 1PY.

Dear Mike,
If anybody has any problems or anything they would like to know I would be glad to help!

Please contact me enclosing S.A.E.:
Angela (Problem Line)
52 Delius Street, Coventry CU4 9PE

Mike's SWAP-SPOT

and more letters, folks!

Dear Swappers,
Please enclose S.A.E. with replies to SWAP-SPOT
Yours MIKE

Dear Mike,
Please could you put me in touch with anybody who would like to buy or swap any items on Eastwood, Ford, 007, etc.
Yours truly.

Michael Pine, 137 Ker Street, Devonport, Plymouth PL1 4HD.

Dear Mike,
I collect Great Britain stamps. I would like to swap some of my stamps with other people in Great Britain. If they would send me a list of what they have, I would send them the same so we could swap by post.

Mark Hunt, 49 Hodd Close, West Croydon, Surrey CR0 3SR.

Dear Mike,
I am a keen coin collector. I have about 150 coins. I collect old coins and foreign coins. If there is anyone else who collects coins could you please write to me with details about the coins you have?

Fiona Bristo, 13 Oakdale, Harwood, Bolton, Lancs.

Dear Mike,
Could you please put me in touch with some other members who collect stickers. I would like to write and swap with them.
Yours sincerely.

Katherine Goss (13), 78 Sunderland Avenue, North Oxford, Oxon OX2 8DU.

Dear Mike,
I would be very happy to write to anyone wanting to swap posters, badges, information or absolutely anything on any pop group/singers. All letters will be answered – please enclose S.A.E.

Nikki Body, 12 Beech Grove Terrace, Crawcrook, Ryton, Tyne and Wear NE40 4LZ.

Dear Mike,
I would like to swap coins with someone. So please get in touch!

Manjit Singh, 41 Kerrysdale, Leicester LE4 7GJ.

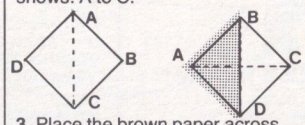
Dear Mike,
Here's how to make money! My friend and I have washed cars for about three weeks and made about £18 each. It's great fun and you become nice and rich. And your Jeans Account will grow.
Rachel Doyle (12), 5 Salthill Drive, Peel Hall, Manchester

Dear Mike,
We have got a fashion and modelling club. If any readers would like to join, please send a photograph of yourself and a stamped addressed envelope to:
Deborah Harrison and Rebecca Cope, 315 College Street, Long Eaton, Notts NG10 4GT

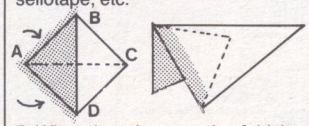
Dear Mike,
As we were reading through your brilliant magazine we found it a shame there wasn't a section on tongue-twisters. So we spent exactly a month writing a book of tongue-twisters! We hope you enjoy it!
Donna Heritage and Joanne Bennison, 12 Denbigh Close, Leyland, Lancs.
It's a great book, Donna and Joanne! In fact we're printing some of your Twing Tusters, er, Twung Twisters, er, you know what I mean.
MIKE

Stan stamped on a ship,
Silly Sally slipped.
Peggy Babcock Babcock Peggy
Bit bit Bot and Bot bit Bit back.
Red lorry yellow lorry.

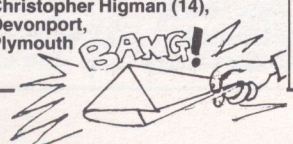
Dear Mike,
How to build a "Flap 'n' Banger!"
1. Try to get Mum or Dad to help you, if they won't let you use scissors. You'll need some stout card about 8ins sq. and a piece of brown paper (see sketches).
2. Fold the piece of card along the opposite corners as the dotted line shows: A to C.



3. Place the brown paper across the other two corners (B & D) cutting a triangle shape half an inch bigger than the card on the outside edge.
4. Fold over the "extra" brown paper to the other side of the card and stick it down with glue, gum, sellotape, etc.



5. When the edges are dry, fold the Flap 'n' Banger so that the brown paper is INSIDE THE WHITE CARD.
To operate, hold the card at the opposite end from the brown paper, lift and bring it down smartly.
Christopher Higman (14), Devonport, Plymouth



Dear Mike,
I've just joined TSB's Jeans Scheme. It's brill! Free mag and a chance to get an international friend. MIKE, I have a problem – I don't know what to call my pet mouse. Could you give me any ideas?
Paul Weekes, 14 Newtondale, Sutton Park, Hull

Dear Mike,
I would be very pleased if you would mention in your magazine, a club I would like to start, ANY DESIGNS! If anyone has any ideas or designs for anything, especially motorized Go-Carts or designing cartoon characters, I will send mine too. If you want your designs sent back, send SAE.
Mark Thomas (12), 113 Blackmead, Orton Malborne, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire PE2 0PZ

Dear Mike,
My sister and I have set up our own business. We make and sell 'Plins'. If you would like more details on how to make a 'Plin' send a SAE to:
Lucy Thomas (13), 31 Handside Lane, Welwyn Garden City, Herts AL8 6SH.

P.S. 'Plins'© are stone creatures with wobbly eyes!

Anyone else considering making money by making things? Write and let me know – MIKE.

Dear Mike,
We'd like to start a PLANT CLUB. We would send out a magazine every month and any questions on plants we would try to answer. Please include a large, stamped addressed envelope.
Zoe and Samantha (12), 28 Elleray Park Rd., Wallasey, Wirral, Merseyside L45 0LH

Dear Mike,
A Limerick:
A fly and a flea in a flue
Were imprisoned so what could they do?
Said the fly: "Let us flee!",
"Let us fly!", said the flea,
So they flew through a flaw in the flue.
Natalie.
P.S. My writing arm is in plaster – sorry about the writing.

POET'S CORNER

It comes four, five, six o'clock
No-one's really sure what time
It changes everything to grey
Casting gloom everywhere
It fills the gap between day and night
It tells the nocturnal hunters that it is time to come out of their den
It is TWILIGHT...

Nichola Davies, 128 London Rd., Ipswich, Suffolk.

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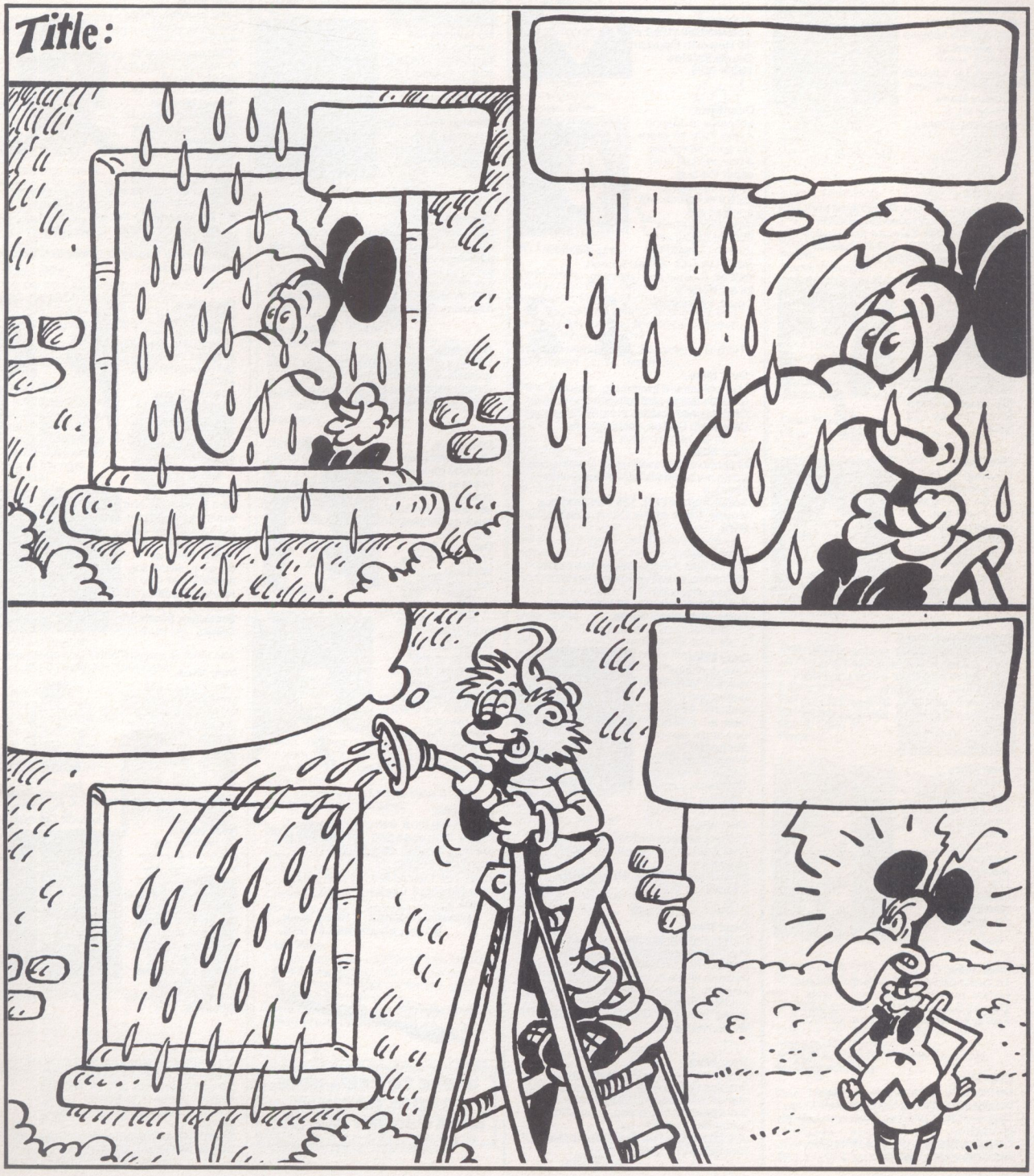
Age _____ **Address** _____



PEN-PALS FROM BRITAIN...

Dear Mike,
I would like a girl pen-pal. My hobbies are swimming, reading, roller skating. My favourite pop group is Wham.
Shelley Marie Prince (6), 9 Copeland Close, Cheshire ST10 1HD.

Dear Mike,
I'd like a girl pen-pal. My hobbies are computors, stamp collecting, Bruce Springsteen, Nik Kershaw and Madonna.
Kenneth Read (15), 3 Queensland Road, Hartlepool TS2 51NE.

Dear Mike,
I like going to Brownies, collecting fancy rubbers, playing the recorder and ponies. I'd like a girl pen-pal from anywhere in Britain.
Helen Harkness (8), 19 Coronation Drive, Crosby L23 3BN.

Dear Mike,
I like pop music, going to disco's and parties, writing to a pen-friend and receiving their letters, playing tennis, badminton and having fun.
Angela Fleming (13), 38 Varley St., Colne, Lancs.

Dear Mike,
I would love to have a penfriend who likes football, computers, BMX's, art, T.V. and athletics, but if they don't like any of them I don't mind.
Andrew Brown (12), 26 Ascot Road, Thornton Cleveleys, Blackpool FY5 5HN.

Dear Mike,
I would like a boy pen-pal from the UK. My hobbies are collecting caps and records, cycling, jumble sales, computers.
Martyn Feveyear (14), 22 Hatfield Road, Sawtry, Hartington, Cambs.

Dear Mike,
I'd love a pen-pal. I like reading, music, horses and writing. I promise to write.
Dianne Scotland (16), 3 Rocky Lane, Flat 2, Tuebrook, Liverpool L6 4BA.

Dear Mike,
I'm interested in natural history and botany. My idols are Big Country, Prince, King and Dead or Alive. Please include a photograph.
Caroline Brown (10), 83a Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed.

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are collecting stamps, swimming. My idols are Wham and Michael Draed. I love animals.
Please send a photo with your first letter. All letters will be answered.
Joanne Bell (13), 10 Heworth Court, South Shields NE34 9DB.

Dear Mike,
My name is Joanne Ayers, I am 13 years old and I would like a boy pen-pal from either the U.K., Spain, Germany, Italy and France. My hobbies are swimming, tennis, hockey, pop music (Duran Duran, Paul Young, Bronski Beat, Dead or Alive), squash, netball, football and dancing.
24 St. Peter's Court, Lowestoft.

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are swimming, drawing, football, tennis and collecting postcards.
Christopher Gaskin (11), 66 Brandish Crescent, Clifton, Nottingham.

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are swimming, drawing and riding my brother's bike. Please write soon!
Sofija Vojicic (12), 129 Jim Griffiths House, Clem Attlee Court, London SW6.

Dear Mike,
My hobbies include playing the piano, swimming, drawing, writing, art and games at school.
Kelly Raybould (9), 43 Little Carter Lane, Mansfield, Notts.

Dear Mike,
I like dancing, reading, swimming, maths and P.E. lessons, riding my bike, art. I'd like a boy or girl pen-pal.
Michelle Woodward (9), 23 Carlton Place, Clitheroe, Lancs.

Dear Mike,
I collect stickers and stamps and would love a girl pen-pal aged 9-10 from anywhere.
Sadia Rana (10), St. Mary's Road, Oxford.

Dear Mike,
I'd like a girl or boy pen-pal aged 11-13. My interests are dancing, pop music (Wham) and I collect marbles, mugs, pop posters, stickers, badges, rubbers and keyrings. I love animals and I have four goldfish. Please send a photo.
Nicky Tully (11), 4 Chepstow Road, Wolverhampton.

Dear Mike,
I'd like a pen-pal in the Wales area. My hobbies are reading, postcard collecting, stamp collecting and badge collecting. I like animals and the pop-group Wham. I would like a girl pen-pal.
Joy Ownes, 5 The Croft, West Derby, Liverpool L72 5HB.

Dear Mike,
I like playing football and listening to Nik Kershaw, Meat Loaf and Madonna. Also collecting stamps. I'd like a boy or girl pen-pal from Britain aged between 11 and 14.
John Carney (12), 14 Heathhall Ave., Bierley, Bradford.

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are running and swimming. I have a rabbit, a cat and a budgie. I'd like a boy pen-pal from the U.K.
Damian Thorne (8), 8 Rowan Way, Raffey, Horsham, W. Sussex RH12 4NX.

Dear Mike,
I love collecting anything about Zola Budd, running (occasionally!). I also like animals, loads of work and exercise (I don't get enough!). I'm a Richard Clayderman fan. All letters answered!
Wendy Bilton (14), 9 Ashby St., Allenton, Derby DE2 8JR.

Dear Mike,
I'd like a girl pen-pal about my age. I love animals, sport, music and reading.
Judith Nicholson (12½), Trevince Farm, Hittisleigh, Exeter, Devon.

Dear Mike,
I would like a boy pen-pal 10-12. My hobbies are stamp collecting, swimming, writing, reading, dancing and music.
Deborah Swift (10½), 108 The Welland, Westhoughton.

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are football, cricket, swimming. I speak two languages – English and Pakistan. I'd like a boy pen-pal.
Qessar Ejaz (13), 250 New Hall Lane, Preston PR1 4ST.

Dear Mike,
I'm looking for a pen pal in England. I have blue eyes and my hobbies are reading, football and playing snooker. I'm nine years old. I would like my pen pal to be a girl about 10 years of age. Thank you.
Jonathan Hunter, 2 Ilkley Walk, Speke, Liverpool L84 0SS.

WRITE TO TSB's MIKE, SCHOOL GARDENS, SHREWSBURY SY1 2AJ.

Dear Mike,
I would like a boy pen-pal. I like skating, dancing, writing, collecting luminous things, riding bikes.
Linda Topham (13), 88 Hollybank Drive, Sheffield.

Dear Mike,
I like snooker, darts, camping, bowls, watching Knight Rider and listening to records. I'd like a girl pen friend between 10 and 14.
Shaun Morgan (11), 6 Middlehurst Ave., Weaverham, Northwich, Cheshire.

Dear Mike,
I love all animals except creepie-crawlies. I like netball and rollerskating, Wham, Nik Kershaw and Madness. I collect postcards and badges. I hate school! I'd like a girl pen-pal.
Leonie Jane Seeley (13), Maple Close, Halstead, Essex.

Dear Mike,
I like drawing, swimming, roller skating and the Girls Brigade. I'd love a girl or boy pen-pal, please.
Joanne Tracy Nugent (7¾), 11 Marley Close, Rainhill, Merseyside L35 8LZ.

Dear Mike,
I am 9 years old and would like a girl pen-pal from Spain, Italy, France or UK. I like music, reading, drawing, swimming and writing.
Hayley Diender, 26 Skellern Avenue, Bradeley, Stoke on Trent.

Dear Mike,
I would like a girl pen-pal from France or UK. My hobbies are writing, reading, cycling, swimming, roller skating. I like George Michael and Paul Young.
Zoe Lorraine Nelson (7), 109 North Parade, Slearford.

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are playing the guitar and recorder. My favourite programme is Miami Vice and I like horses and dogs I have two dogs, I would like a girl pen-pal from the UK.
Melissa Knowles (11½), Royds Crescent, Worksop S80 3HG.

Dear Mike,
My name is Sharon Denne, my hobbies are horses, swimming, records. My favourite pop stars are Nik Kershaw, Howard Jones, The Smiths, The Cure and King. I would like a girl or boy pen-pal.
Sharon Denne, Coningsby, Kingsford Street, Mersham, Ashford, Kent.

GALORE... FROM ABROAD.

Dear Mike,
I'd like a girl or boy pen-pal aged 11-14 yrs. old. My hobbies are athletics (sports), playing the piano.
Paulna Meme (12), Ruhitie 12, 30420 Forssa 42, Finland.

Dear Mike,
My name is Cathy, I'm 16 yrs. old. I would like to correspond with girls or boys from England. I love sports e.g. hand-ball, soccer and music (rock and new-wave).
Cathy Lemmen (16), 27 Rue Georges Derumiere, 59720 Louvroil, France.

Dear Mike,
I'd like a girl or boy pen-pal aged 11-13 yrs. old. My hobbies are ice hockey, stamp and coin collecting, karate, music and journeys.
Michael Espinosa (12), 8 Esplanade Salvador Allende, 95100 Argenteuil, France.

Dear Mike,
I'd like an English pen-pal aged 14 yrs. old. My hobbies are pop-music, swimming, sports, stamps and listening to the radio. Please write in English or German.
Ian Helten (14), Gruner Weg 1, D 3405 Rosdorf 1, West Germany.

Dear Mike,
I collect posters and postcards featuring cats. I'd love to correspond with a British cat-lover about my age.
Milene Donascimento (15), 1696 Allee du Vieux, Pont de Sevres, 92-100 Boulogne, France.

Dear Mike,
We are two Danish girls who would like British boy penfriends. Our interests: parties, books, animals, Duran Duran, Spandau Ballet, U2, Wham, Boy George, Howard Jones, etc. You must be 15 and write in English.
Marianne and Trine Bisgaard, Violinvej 17, 3650 Olstykke, Denmark.

Dear Mike,
I like horses, ski-ing and the sea. I would like my pen-pal to be aged between 13 and 15. I have changed my hair since this photograph was taken.
Colinne Lanohais (13), 42 Bis Allee de Clichy, 93340 Le Raincy, France.

Dear Mike,
I am 15 yrs. old. I like tennis, the cinema and music. Please send a photo and write soon.
Franck Lecleac (15), 123 Avenue du Rivage, 80100 Abbeville, France.

Dear Mike,
I would like a pen friend aged 10 to 12. I like music, sports, collecting stamps and writing to friends.
Gillet Fabian (11), Avenue de quebec 5 3500 Sr Maio. France.

Dear Mike,
I'm looking for a pen friend from England aged 12-13 years. I have lots of hobbies.
Jessica Pettersson (12), Ekipages, 4b11 20880 Abo 88, Finland.

Dear Mike,
I am 13 yrs. old. I enjoy tennis and videos. I have studied English for 2 years. I also like Elvis Presley.
David Bigu (13), 88 Rue Hent Roazhon, 29000 Guinjer, France.

Dear Mike,
I am 12 yrs. old. I'd like a boy pen-pal. My hobbies are football, tennis, cycling and basketball. I like rock music. I'd like my pen-pal aged 12 yrs. old.
Simon Hovvan, 1 Rue Jean Picarre Callocr, 22000 S. Brieux, France.

Dear Mike,
I love classical dancing, jazz and pop music eg. Wham I'd like my pen-pal aged 12-13 yrs. old. Please send a photograph with your letter.
Valerie Brisse (12), 3 Rue de la Haie le Comte, 54130 St. Max, France.

Dear Mike,
Hello! I'd like pen-pals aged 15-16. I like tennis, playing the piano, dancing, pop music, reading and of course writing letters!
Mechthild Bollmer (15), Johanniskamp 20, 4840 Rheda, Wiedenbruck, West Germany.

Dear Mike,
Hello! I'd like a pen-pal aged 14 yrs. old. I like playing the piano, dancing, tennis, gymnastics, reading, listening to pop music. Please write soon!
Petra Bollmer (14), Johanniskamp 20, 4840 Rheda, Wiedenbruck, West Germany.

Dear Mike,
I like writing, swimming, music and posters. Please send a photo.
Darrie Christelle, St. Laurent Bretagne, 64-160 Morpacas, France.

Dear Mike,
I'm a 13-years-old Finnish girl who loves riding, reading, computers, animals and listening to pop music (Duran-Duran, Madonna, etc.). Boys and girls – please write to me!
Sari Virkkunnen, Linnankatu 27076, 20100 Turkuio, Finland.

Dear Mike,
I'm looking for a pen-pal in England. My hobbies are swimming, reading, and writing letters. I like dancing and listening to music.
Christelle Montagu (13), 2 Route de Coullons, 45500 Autry-le-Chatel, France.

Dear Mike,
I've got blue eyes and blond hair. I'd like a boy or girl pen-pal. My hobbies are writing programes for computers, pop music and swimming.
Alain Danger (16), Du Chateau Croc, 5, 22520 Binic, France.

Dear Mike,
I'd like a girl or boy pen-pal. I'm 15 years old, I love motorbikes (I have a collection) and also stamps. I like going to the cinema. I am a fan of Paul Young and my favourite sports are hand-ball, volley-ball and ice hockey.
Christelle Orieux (15), 74 Avenue de Plantes, 44100 Nantes, France.

Dear Mike,
I like music and drawing and would like to write to someone in Great-Britain.
Rolf Friedrichs (16), Banterweg 151, 2940 Wilhelmshaven, West Germany.

Dear Mike,
I am looking for a pen pal, boy or girl, in England. My interests are table tennis, music, adventure films, travelling, relaxing and knitting.
Beate Kohu (15), Am Bach 11, 6649 Rappweiler, W. Germany.

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are listening to music, animals, table tennis, playing the organ, collecting stickers and stamps. My English is not very good. I would like a boy or girl pen pal.
Edina Winter (12), Mittelstrasse 27, 3706 Bovenden, W. Germany.

Dear Mike,
I enjoy pop music especially Billy Idol and Duran Duran. My hobbies are cycling, reading, writing long letters and animals. My pen pal should be between 14 and 16 years old.
Elke Konrad (14½), Sanweg 5, D-5901 Wilmsdorf 11, W. Germany.

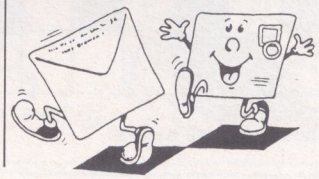
Dear Mike,
I am interested in anything to do with England and America, plus playing the guitar, reading, cycling, music, dogs and lots more. I would like a girl pen pal in Great Britain.
Bettina Meier (14), Unter dem Dornbusch 10, 3054 Apelern 3, W. Germany.

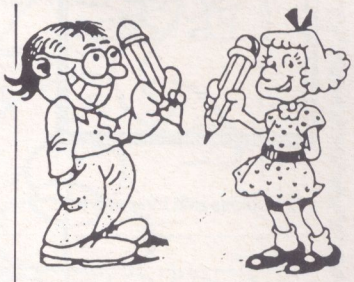
Dear Mike,
I would like to write to a girl in Great Britain. My hobbies are reading, writing letters, sport. I have two languages — English and German.
Sonja Sternecker (13), Bahngasse 42, 7321 Lackendorf, W. Germany.

Dear Mike,
I can write in English and German and would like a pen pal in Great Britain. My interests are animals, collecting stamps and coins, reading, riding my bike, skateboarding, rollerskating, ice skating, swimming and ski-ing.
Susi Lang (14), Wr. Neustädter Str. 3, 2490 Ebenfurth, W. Germany.

Dear Mike,
I like running, jumping the hurdles. I collect old coins. I also like dancing and listening to music e.g. Michael Jackson, Jermaine and other singers. I love animals.
Mikael Theatre (11), 111 Au Mt. Gaillard, 76620 Le Havre, France.

Dear Mike,
My hobbies are playing the piano, cats, horses, riding, reading, rollerskating and playing outdoors.
Please write in English.
Katrin Wilhelmi (13), Schillerstr. 10, 2080 Pinneberg, West Germany.





Dear Mike,
Hello boys! I want an English boy pen-pal. I'm 14 years old and I'd like someone who also likes: tennis, swimming, basketball, handball, pop music (Wham etc.).
Sophie Benech, Route Departmentale 502, 64110 Lavoin, France.

Dear Mike,
I like slalom, sewing, sporting, singing and everything that sounds nice! And I'd like a 14-year-old girl pen friend.
Hanna Kotilainen (14), Tanhuantie 8 D, 53920 Lappeenranta, Finland.

Dear Mike,
I'll be 16 in August. I've got blue eyes and blond hair. My hobby is writing programs for my computer (Commodore 64). Also pop music and swimming.
Alain Danger, Du Chateau Croc 5, 22520 Binic, France.

Dear Mike,
Hello if you're a 10-12 year-old girl! I'm a girl, 11. I like animals, dogs and masters (best!). I'm interested in jazz, ballet, piano playing, reading.
Sanna Kristina Haaneisto, Tilkonmaenkatu 3 A 14, 33840 Tampere 84, Finland.

Dear Mike,
I'd like a boy pen-pal in Britain. My main hobby is football.
Petteri Mattila (10), Kalliotie 17a 30 90500 Oulu 50, Finland.

Dear Mike,
Are there any naughty girls and boys who are listening to real good music left in Britain? There is? good. Write to a 13-year-old girl who likes big motorcycles, Dio, Wasp, Whitesnake. And who *hates* school.
Anu Hokkala, 62370 Kangasto, Finland.

Dear Mike,
I would like a pen-pal in England. My hobbies are drawing, music, reading, swimming, cycling, collecting posters and stickers. I like all animals and I have two birds.
Tran Karine (14), 17 Rue Maurice Ravel Villetaneuse 93430. France

Dear Mike,
I am looking for an English pen-pal. My hobbies are swimming, slalom, music and Kantele playing.
Taija Maatta (11), Oksatie 62, 87200 Kajaani. Finland.

Dear Mike,
I would like a girl pen-pal from England. My hobbies are playing the piano and the clarinet and reading.
Jaana Mannonen (11), Kirkkolahdenk 6A4 57100 Savonlinna 10. Finland

PENPAL COUPON

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BLOCK LETTERS PLEASE!

Christian Name

Surname Age

Street

Town U.K.

I'd like a Boy Girl Penpal (tick one)

From: ☐ U.K. ☐ Germany
☐ Denmark ☐ Austria
☐ Spain ☐ Italy
☐ Netherlands ☐ Finland
☐ Ireland ☐ France
☐ Belgium

(tick one)

My Hobbies and Interests are:

Cut out coupon and return to **MIKE!**

WRITE TO TSB's MIKE, SCHOOL GARDENS, SHREWSBURY SY1 2AJ.

RAVENOUS RODNEY'S RECIPE

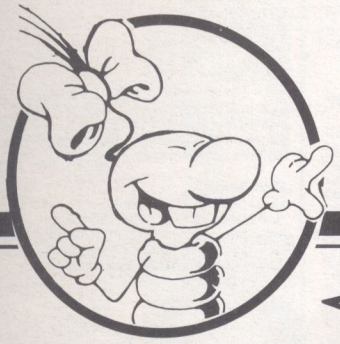
Apple Soda
1 apple
1 tall glass
Lemonade

Fill the glass with lemonade, but not to the brim, leave about 1 inch spare at the top. Grate the apple and put in the lemonade. Delicious!

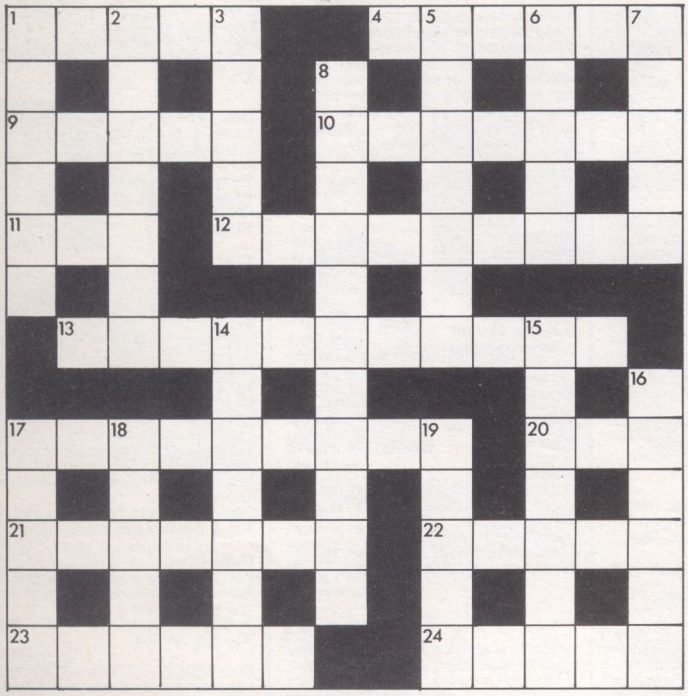
We would like anyone who is interested to join our club. It's called Secrets and Private Keep Out Club. If you are interested please write with SAE to:
165 Hall Green Road, Hall Green, Coventry CU6 7BS

Dear Mike,
I'd like to start a "MIKE WRITING CLUB". Any MIKE readers out there like writing? Just send me an SAE for details and if you've got a story or poem that you would like to send to me, please do (they will be returned).

Yours sincerely, Rebecca Warren (9), 31 Chaffers Mead, Ashtead, Surrey KT21 1NA



Mr. Blirriant's PLIZE CLOSSWORD



CLUES:

Across:
1. Munch a bit – like a short champion (5)
4. Hearts, diamonds, clubs. What's the other one? (6)
9. U spit (anag.) and take notice! (5)(2)
10. Throwing – one of Ireland's national sports (7)
11. Tell the truth? Quite the opposite! (3)
12. Four days before the day after tomorrow (9)
13. A Shakespeare play, any way you want it! (2,3,4,2)
17. Seafood placed in jars for spreading on bread (4,5)
20. Breathe it, or put it in tyre (3)
21. Underwater missile, toe drop (anag.) (6)
22. A conjuror does this (5)
23. Remove fog from car windscreen (6)
24. The Lord of the , by J.R.R. Tolkien (5)

Down:
1. Fortified residence of ogres and knights (6)
2. Female actor (7)
3. Dog baby (5)
5. An island in Dorset, surrounded by land (7)
6. Cut and means all sewn up (5)
7. Yoggs (anag.) wet and squashy (5)
8. A political tour in fits and starts (7,4)
14. Fish-eating hawks now breeding in Scotland (7)
15. Same nationality as Romeo and Luciano Pavarotti (8)
16. Short tricycles (6)
17. Decreed by Destiny – defat (anag.) (5)
18. Go away! (5)
19. Come in, Treen (anag.) (5)

NAME

ADDRESS

MR. BLIRRIANT'S PLIZE CLOSSWORD:
PLIZE for the first correct solution opened before December 20th.

See the March issue of MIKE for names of winners. Closing date for entries December 20th.

Mike's DRAWING CLASS
SHAKE HANDS WITH YOUR PENCIL, AND LET'S GO!
LEARN TO DRAW
MIKE
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JOGGING

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POET'S CORNER

MIKE

Dearest MIKE's intelligent
You're also cute as well
You put the smile on so many faces
And you're always looking swell.

Your magazine is great
Packed with pen-pals galore
Jokes, quizzes and comic strips
You couldn't ask for more.

So MIKE, you cuddly hamster
If you're ever needing a friend
Always look beside you
There'll be me there at the end . . .

Suzanne Sculthorpe, 5 West Street, Easton- on-the-Hill, Stamford, Lincs PEA 3LS.

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THE WORM AND THE SLUG

**The worm crawled up the farmyard walk,
But bumped into slug and stopped to have a talk,
They talked about what they did that day,
But Speechless Slug had nothing to say.
So Wriggly Worm said, "What a bore! Help!
Quick, find a shelter! It's starting to pour".
The worm and the slug both crawled together,
And squirmed under a stone to hide from the weather.
Then slug poked his head out and said, "There's a man".
Then claimed the rain was the watering can.
So they both crawled out towards some trees,
But poor wriggly worm got stung by some bees.
He cried, "Ooo, Ouch. I'm itching all over".
And rubbed his back against a four leaved clover.
He said "Hey! Four, that will bring me luck".
But just before he picked it,
He got caught by a duck.
The sad little slug cried, "The duck shouldn't be loose".
But just as he spoke,
He got eaten by a goose.**

Yours poemly

Kevin Purdom, 7 Eynsham Close, Woodley, Reading, Berks.

Brilliant, Kevin! Any other readers like to send a poem to Poet's corner?

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TEA-TIME

**'Tea-Time' Mother calls,
And down the step my baby brother crawls,
Tea today is beans and chips,
And across the table fly little bits,
'Stop it! Stop it!' Mother Shouts,
And across the table tension mounts,
Mother sits opposite me,
Crikey! What a sight to see.**

**In a high chair my baby brother sits,
While the rest of us sit there having fits.
There's beans in his hair,
Which is really quite fair,
And red sauce splattered all over his face!
I really think he thinks tea-time is ace!**

Sally Williamson (11), 'Wingfied', 34 School Road, St. Germans, Nr. King's Lynn, Norfolk.

MIKE'S HEROES

Charles Brindley

Charles Brindley was the son of a small farmer in the High Peak district of Derbyshire. At an early age he was apprenticed to a millwright – a man who maintained and built water mills. Millwrights were the general mechanics of the age, and Brindley was soon tinkering with steam engines.

One day in 1759 he was introduced to the young Duke of Bridgwater, who owned several coal mines in Cheshire and wanted a quick way of getting the coal to a sea-port – a difficult thing to do before the invention of railways. Brindley designed a canal for him. Thanks to the canal, the city of Manchester grew up around the coal mines. So successful was it that dozens of other canals were begun. Forty years after Brindley's first canal, the country was spanned by a network of waterways.

Brindley supervised all his canal-building projects personally. He had a great love for hard work – and eventually died of overwork, while engaged on six projects at the same time. He certainly left his mark. It is fair to say that without him, the Industrial Revolution might have never got off the ground!

**Maybe I'll make as big a mark as Brindley. I hope so!
MIKE**

HISTORY

History is a dreadful subject
Dead as it can be
Once it killed the Romans
And now it's killing me!

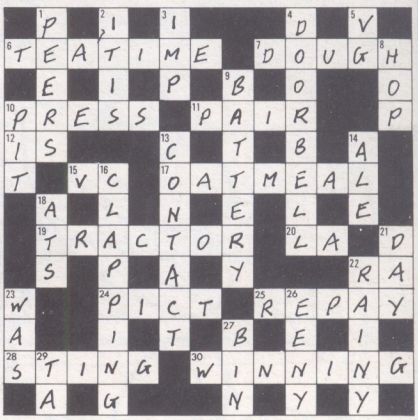
Barry Walters, 228 Lowmoor Road, Kirby-in-Ashfield, Nottingham NG17 7JU.

July Crossword Winners

Kirsty Thompson (10), 29 Church Street, Amble Morpeth, Northumberland.

Alexandra Merriman, 3 Carline Court, The Arbours, Northampton NN3 3RJ.

Terry Dorricott, 52 Mill Lane, Reddish, Stockport, Cheshire.



**Dear Mike,
I have four goldfish called Corol, Benji, Wriggler and Flash. I love hamsters but my parents won't allow me to have one. My favourite animal by far is a frog, I don't know why, but I think they are really cute, especially those bright green ones that climb trees.**

Nicky Jully, 5 Chepstow Road, Fordhouses, Wolverhampton, West Midlands.

Anyone else love WEIRD ANIMALS? Write and tell us what it is you like about them!

HAPPINESS

Happiness is the start of a new day
Friends coming to play
Ethiopians being fed
Happiness to me is bed.

Happiness is a break from school
A clown playing the fool
Seeing the blossom in May
Happiness to me is a holiday.

Happiness is everything
Nothing dull, nothing prim
A world free of strife
Happiness to me is life.

Rebecca Ash, Roslyn, Kenwood Road, Sheffield.

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ROUTES WORDSEARCH

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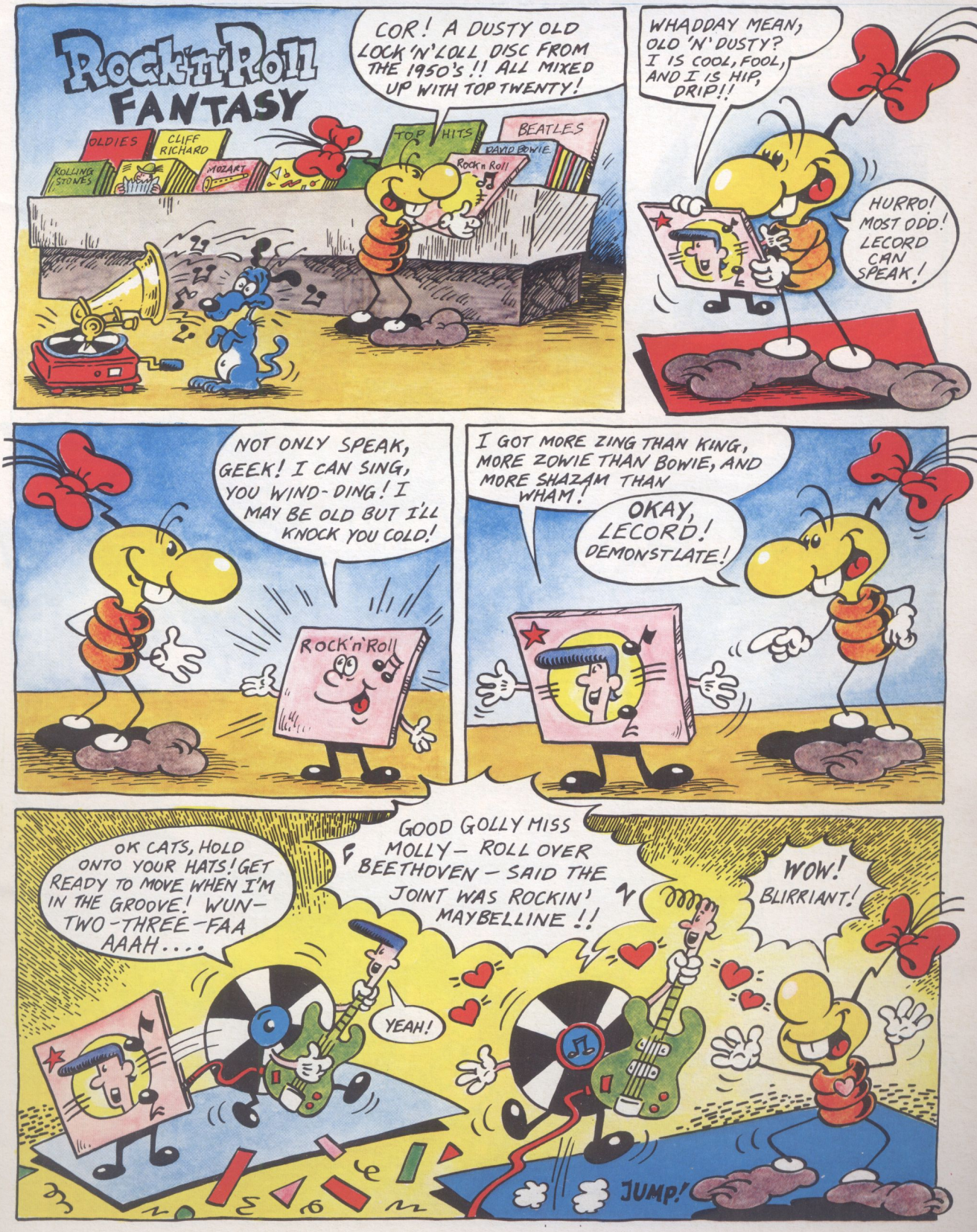
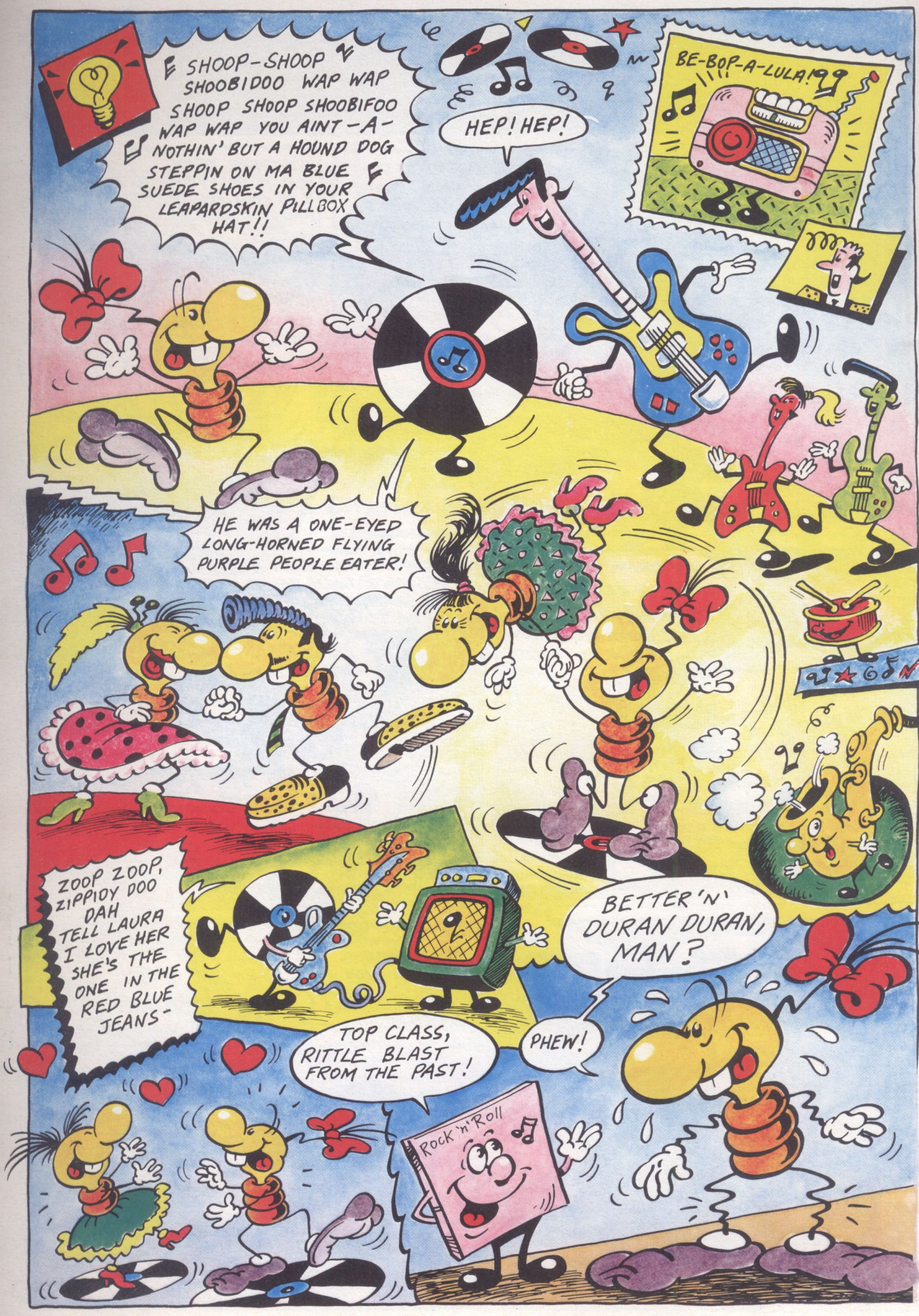
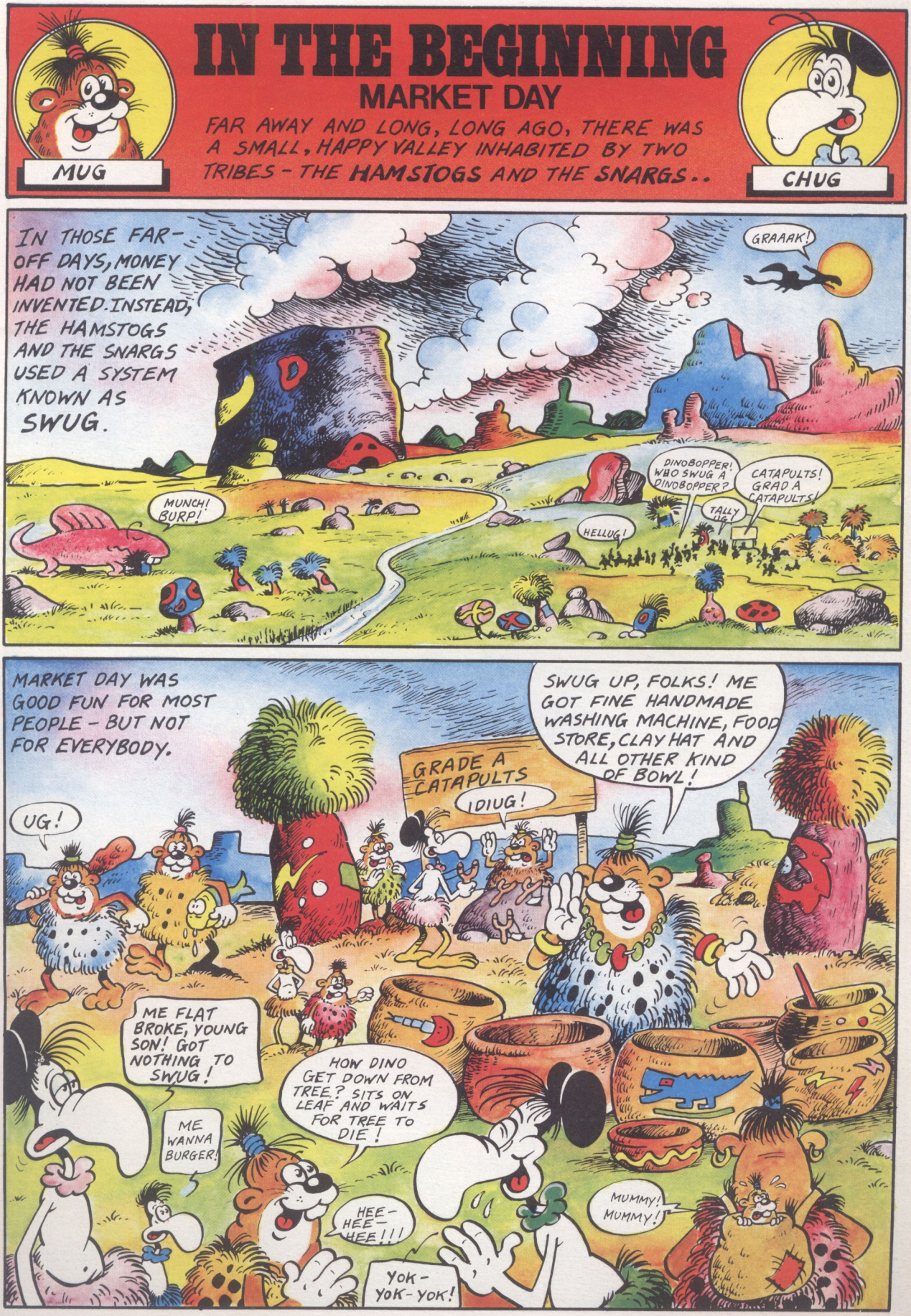
MR BLIRRIANT

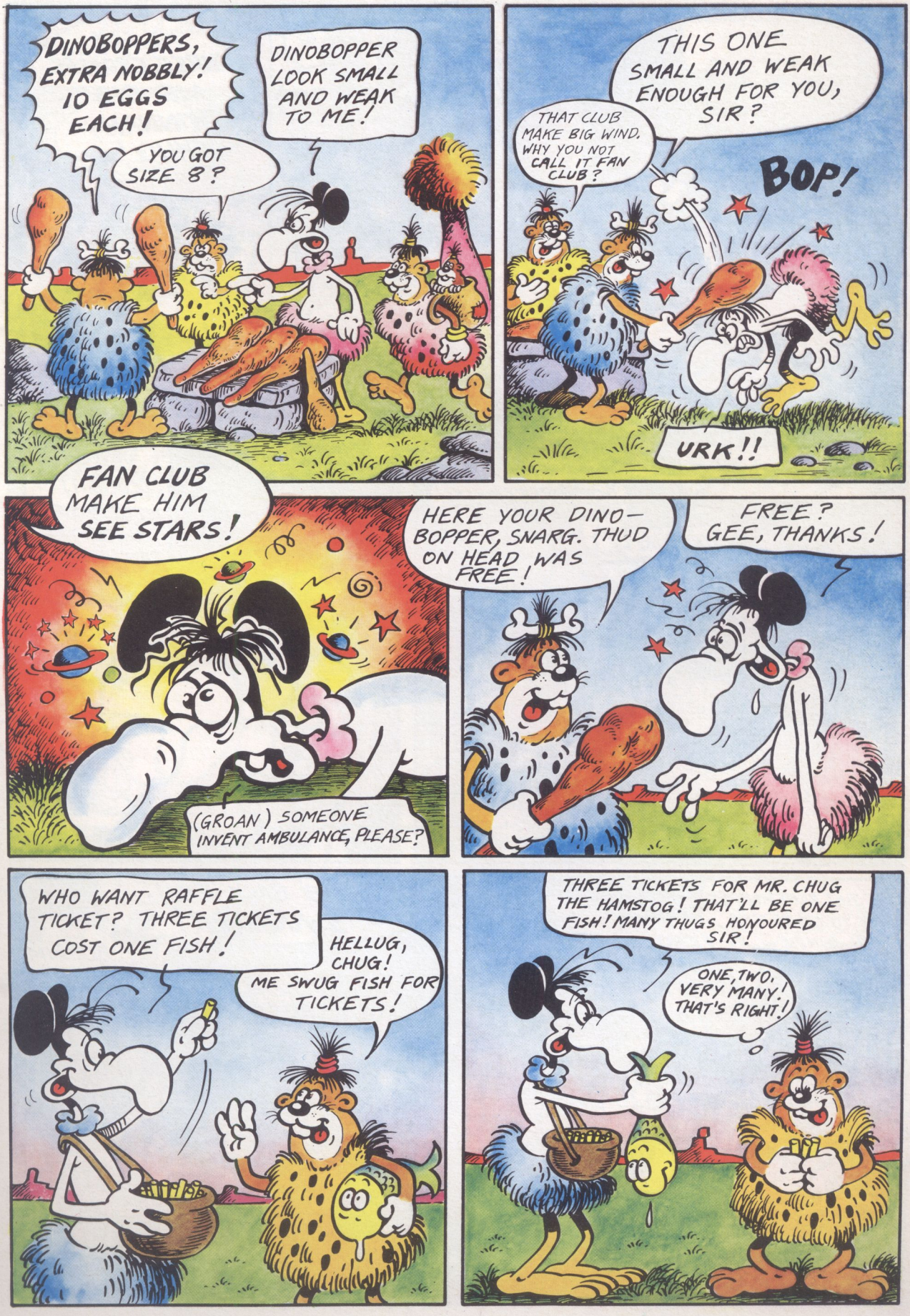
TALES FOR THE LIGHT-HEADED


ROCK 'n' ROLL FANTASY
COR! A DUSTY OLD LOCK 'N' LOLL DISC FROM THE 1950's !! ALL MIXED UP WITH TOP TWENTY!
OLDIES
CLIFF RICHARD
ROLLING STONES
MOZART
TOP HITS
BEATLES
DAVID BOWIE
Rock 'n Roll
WHADDAY MEAN, OLD 'N' DUSTY? I IS COOL, FOOL, AND I IS HIP, DRIP!!
HURRO! MOST ODD! LECORD CAN SPEAK!
NOT ONLY SPEAK, GEEK! I CAN SING, YOU WIND-DING! I MAY BE OLD BUT I'LL KNOCK YOU COLD!
Rock 'n' Roll
I GOT MORE ZING THAN KING, MORE ZOWIE THAN BOWIE, AND MORE SHAZAM THAN WHAM!
OKAY, LECORD! DEMONSTLATE!
OK CATS, HOLD ONTO YOUR HATS! GET READY TO MOVE WHEN I'M IN THE GROOVE! WUN-TWO-THREE-FAA AAAH....
GOOD GOLLY MISS MOLLY— ROLL OVER BEETHOVEN — SAID THE JOINT WAS ROCKIN' MAYBELLINE !!
YEAH!
WOW! BLIRRIANT!
JUMP!

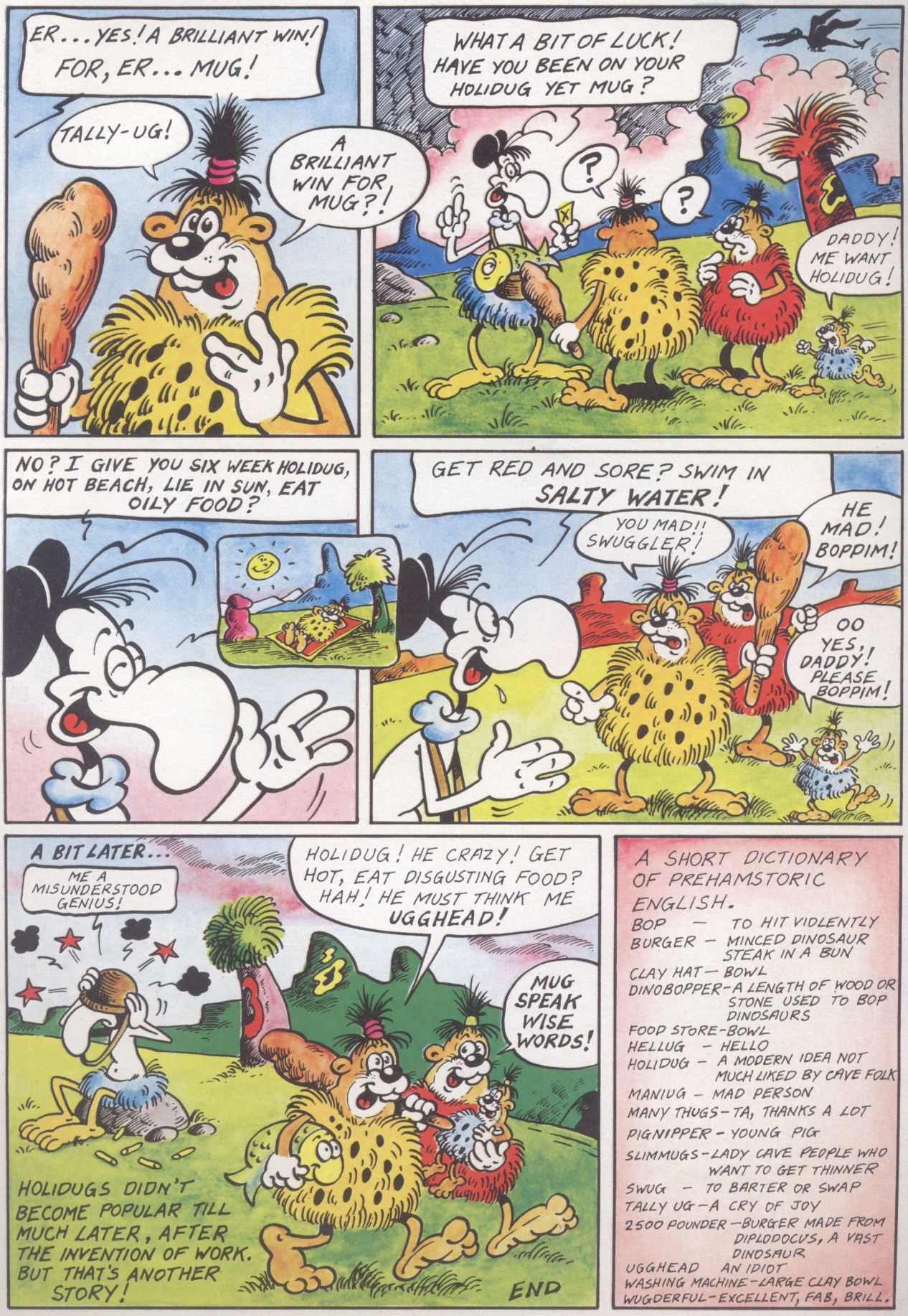

SHOOP-SHOOP SHOOBIDOO WAP WAP SHOOP SHOOP SHOOBIFOO WAP WAP YOU AINT-A-NOTHIN' BUT A HOUND DOG STEPPIN ON MA BLUE SUEDE SHOES IN YOUR LEAPARDSKIN PILLBOX HAT!!
HEP! HEP!
BE-BOP-A-LULA!
HE WAS A ONE-EYED LONG-HORNED FLYING PURPLE PEOPLE EATER!
ZOOP ZOOP, ZIPPIDY DOO DAH TELL LAURA I LOVE HER SHE'S THE ONE IN THE RED BLUE JEANS-
TOP CLASS, RITTLE BLAST FROM THE PAST!
PHEW!
BETTER 'N' DURAN DURAN, MAN?
Rock 'n' Roll


IN THE BEGINNING
MARKET DAY
FAR AWAY AND LONG, LONG AGO, THERE WAS A SMALL, HAPPY VALLEY INHABITED BY TWO TRIBES - THE HAMSTOGS AND THE SNARGS..
MUG
CHUG
IN THOSE FAR-OFF DAYS, MONEY HAD NOT BEEN INVENTED. INSTEAD, THE HAMSTOGS AND THE SNARGS USED A SYSTEM KNOWN AS SWUG.
GRAAAK!
MUNCH! BURP!
DINOBOPPER! WHO SWUG A DINOBOPPER?
CATAPULTS! GRAD A CATAPULTS!
TALLY UG!
HELLUG!
MARKET DAY WAS GOOD FUN FOR MOST PEOPLE - BUT NOT FOR EVERYBODY.
SWUG UP, FOLKS! ME GOT FINE HANDMADE WASHING MACHINE, FOOD STORE, CLAY HAT AND ALL OTHER KIND OF BOWL!
GRADE A CATAPULTS
IDIUG!
UG!
ME FLAT BROKE, YOUNG SON! GOT NOTHING TO SWUG!
ME WANNA BURGER!
HOW DINO GET DOWN FROM TREE? SITS ON LEAF AND WAITS FOR TREE TO DIE!
HEE-HEE-HEE!!!
YOK-YOK-YOK!
MUMMY! MUMMY!

DIPLODOCUSBURGER TRY OUR 250 POUNDER WITH CHEESE!
SLURP!
YUM!
MUM! ME WANT DIPLODOCUS-BURGER!
HELLUG, BEAUTIFUL SNARG LADY! YOU WANT SWUG BOWL?
YES! I SWUG MY GOOD PIGNIPPER FOR THREE BIG BOWL!
OINK!
GAAAK!
THREE BIG BOWL FOR LITTLE THIN PIGNIPPER? THIS NOT GOOD SWUG!
HELLUG!
CREEPY MANIUG! MY PIGNIPPER NOT LITTLE THIN! HE FAT LIKE YOU!
POOR LITTLE THING!
?
WHAT YOU USE TO HUNT BATS?
QUARTER PLESIOSAUR-BURGER, NO CHEESE! FOR SLIMMUGS!
BURGER, UG
GIVE ME 250 POUNDER, PLEASE!
BIG DINO BURGER
WUGDEREUL! BRILL SWUG! TWO BOWL FOR DEAR LITTLE FAT PIG! ME VERY PLEASED!
OINK.
NO, UGGY! DINOBURGERS JUNK FOOD! THEY MAKE YOUR TEETH FALL OUT! QUIET OR I BOP YOU WITH CLUB!
WAAAAAH!
ER, HELLUG!
TALLY-UG!
RAFFLE TICKETS! THREE TICKETS FOR A FISH!
BUSCH-BEINHORN 85


DINOBOPPERS, EXTRA NOBBLY! 10 EGGS EACH!
DINOBOPPER LOOK SMALL AND WEAK TO ME!
YOU GOT SIZE 8?
THIS ONE SMALL AND WEAK ENOUGH FOR YOU, SIR?
THAT CLUB MAKE BIG WIND. WHY YOU NOT CALL IT FAN CLUB?
BOP!
URK!!
FAN CLUB MAKE HIM SEE STARS!
(GROAN) SOMEONE INVENT AMBULANCE, PLEASE?
HERE YOUR DINO-BOPPER, SNARG. THUD ON HEAD WAS FREE!
FREE? GEE, THANKS!
WHO WANT RAFFLE TICKET? THREE TICKETS COST ONE FISH!
HELLUG, CHUG! ME SWUG FISH FOR TICKETS!
THREE TICKETS FOR MR. CHUG THE HAMSTOG! THAT'LL BE ONE FISH! MANY THUGS HONOURED SIR!
ONE, TWO, VERY MANY! THAT'S RIGHT!

HANG ON! IS THIS FISH FRESH?
SNIFF! SNIFF!
PHEW! FISH STINKS!
THIS FISH FRESH FISH! MUG FRESH FISH FISHING IN FISSURE THIS MORNING!
HA! ME INVENT TONGUE TWISTUG!
ME GOT THREE CROSSES. ME BIG WINNAH, CHUG!
ME LOOK!
EVERYONE GOT THREE CROSSES! CHUG'S RAFFLE A SWUGGLE!
ER, EXCUSE ME..
YERSE. (COUGH) LITTLE MISTAKE ALL RAFFLE CANCELLED...
ME JUST REMEMBERED, GOT TO GO TO TEA WITH AUNTIE...
FRAUD! SWUGGLE! RIPOFF!
ME GOT IDEA! WE BOPPIM, MUG!
GIMME BACK FISH, SWUGGLER!
ER..ME CAN EXPLAIN EVERYTHING..
BOPPIM, MUG!!


ER... YES! A BRILLIANT WIN! FOR, ER... MUG!
TALLY-UG!
A BRILLIANT WIN FOR MUG?!
WHAT A BIT OF LUCK! HAVE YOU BEEN ON YOUR HOLIDUG YET MUG?
?
?
DADDY! ME WANT HOLIDUG!
NO? I GIVE YOU SIX WEEK HOLIDUG, ON HOT BEACH, LIE IN SUN, EAT OILY FOOD?
GET RED AND SORE? SWIM IN SALTY WATER!
YOU MAD!! SWUGGLER!
HE MAD! BOPPIM!
OO YES, DADDY! PLEASE BOPPIM!
A BIT LATER...
ME A MISUNDERSTOOD GENIUS!
HOLIDUG! HE CRAZY! GET HOT, EAT DISGUSTING FOOD? HAH! HE MUST THINK ME UGGHEAD!
MUG SPEAK WISE WORDS!
HOLIDUGS DIDN'T BECOME POPULAR TILL MUCH LATER, AFTER THE INVENTION OF WORK. BUT THAT'S ANOTHER STORY!
END

A SHORT DICTIONARY OF PREHAMSTORIC ENGLISH.

BOP — TO HIT VIOLENTLY
BURGER — MINCED DINOSAUR STEAK IN A BUN
CLAY HAT — BOWL
DINOBOPPER — A LENGTH OF WOOD OR STONE USED TO BOP DINOSAURS
FOOD STORE — BOWL
HELLUG — HELLO
HOLIDUG — A MODERN IDEA NOT MUCH LIKED BY CAVE FOLK
MANIUG — MAD PERSON
MANY THUGS — TA, THANKS A LOT
PIGNIPPER — YOUNG PIG
SLIMMUGS — LADY CAVE PEOPLE WHO WANT TO GET THINNER
SWUG — TO BARTER OR SWAP
TALLY UG — A CRY OF JOY
2500 POUNDER — BURGER MADE FROM DIPLODOCUS, A VAST DINOSAUR
UGGHEAD AN IDIOT
WASHING MACHINE — LARGE CLAY BOWL
WUGDERFUL — EXCELLENT, FAB, BRILL.

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BANK
THE BANK THAT LIKES TO SAY YES